

Beyond the Neon

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May 2006 Calendar of Events

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TACK – The Arts Connection Kamp

Registration now open

Camp dates: Monday-Friday, June 12-August 4

Full-day: 9 am-4 pm • Morning only: 9 am-12 pm • Afternoon only: 1-4 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Eight weeks of cultural arts activities for children ages 6-12. Morning theatre classes, afternoons of visual art, music and dance. Includes watching performances of Children's Summer Concert Series in July. Flexible payment plans and multiple sibling discount.

Fees: Full-day, \$550, half-day, \$300

“Swing, Baby, Swing” with Lindy Hopper Norma Miller

Friday, May 5, 6 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Featuring legendary swing dancer Norma Miller's stand-up act and a film presentation. Miller received the National Endowment for the Arts' National Heritage Fellowship in 2003.

Free admission

First Friday in the Arts District

Friday, May 5, 6-10 pm

Arts District

Main Street and Charleston Boulevard

More than 60 studios, businesses and galleries participate in the monthly cultural block party. At 7 and 9 pm, Super Summer Theatre performs excerpts from three upcoming productions: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *Return to the Forbidden Planet* and *Bells Are Ringing*. Free trolley service provided. For information, www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Cosponsored by the Las Vegas Mexican Patriotic Committee

Sunday, May 7, 10 am-7 pm

Freedom Park

East Washington Avenue and Mojave Road

Join in the celebration of Hispanic culture through exhibits, displays, food and music. Call **444-4526** for information.

Tickets: \$5 adults, children 12 and under free

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Helldorado Days in the Cultural Corridor

Cosponsored by Cultural Corridor Coalition

Saturday, May 13, 9 am-5 pm

Cultural Corridor

Las Vegas Boulevard North between Cashman Drive and Washington Avenue

Watch the Helldorado parade downtown and then mosey on over to the Cultural Corridor for western/history-themed programs at the Old Mormon Fort, Las Vegas Natural History Museum, Lied Discovery Children's Museum, Las Vegas Library and Reed Whipple Cultural Center. Living history programs, cowboy poetry, barbecue food vendors, and more. Call **229-5431** for information. Admission fees vary, children 12 & under free when accompanied by paying adult

Watoto Book Club

Saturdays, May 13 & 27, 11 am-12:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Young people ages 10-16 are invited to join the book club; selections are based on an African-American curriculum. All educational material will be provided to students.

Free admission

Mother's Day Dinner and Dance

Music by Carl Grove Combo

Saturday, May 13, 6-10 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Get a jump on Mother's Day! Celebrate with dancing to favorite standards and dining on fine cuisine, catered by Soirees.

Tickets: \$20

Mother's Day Concert and Brunch

Walt Boenig Big Band

Sunday, May 14

Catered brunch: 12 pm • Concert: 2 pm

Reception follows concert

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

This popular annual event is always a full house, so reserve early.

Tickets: concert free, tickets required; \$12 brunch

Downtown Cultural Series

Cayambe, the Man from the Andes

Friday, May 19, 12-1 pm

Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-4614**

Listen to traditional music of the Andes performed by Ecuadorian Jhon Mosquera. His repertoire also includes arrangements of classical, contemporary and jazz pieces as well as his own compositions.

Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

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The Poets' Corner

Friday, May 19, 7:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, 229-4800

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.
Free admission

Summer Class Registration

May 20-June 8; classes June 13-July 23

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, 229-1515

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Classes for adults and children are offered in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, instrumental and vocal music, theatre, and Spanish and African cultural arts.

Download the class catalog or register online at www.clvbeyondtheneon.com.

Fees vary

Claudia Villela with Guitarist Ricardo Peixoto

Saturday, May 20, 8 pm (gates open 7 pm)

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza

720 Twin Lakes Drive, in Lorenzi Park, West Washington west of Rancho Drive

Rio-born Claudia Villela brings her haunting improvisations and her five-octave voice to the outdoor theater for an evening of impassioned songs. Accompanied by Ricardo Peixoto's brilliant guitar work, Villela has been spellbinding audiences for over a decade with music rooted in the traditional and contemporary sounds of Brazil. Call 229-6383 for tickets.

Tickets: \$10 advance, \$15 performance day

Old Time Barn Dance

Cosponsored with Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, May 27, 7-10 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm! No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students, active military & children

IN THE GALLERIES***Routine Incidents* by Michelle Forsyth**

Through June 18

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

Delicately patterned gouache works stand in contrast to the repellant qualities of their source imagery. Digital video work included. Call 229-4674 for information.

Free admission

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Voices of Youth

May 5-June 18

Reception: Friday, May 5, 6-8 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

What happens when northern Nevada teens are given 35mm cameras and audio recording equipment and told to explore their communities? This Nevada Arts Council traveling exhibit is the result. Included is a complementary exhibit created by Las Vegas youth in the New Directions YouthArts program.

They worked with architect Anne Johnson to create living spaces that reflect their individual histories, environment and/or ideas of their future places in society. Call **229-4674** for information. "Voices of Youth" is presented as part of the Nevada Arts Council's Nevada Touring Initiative, made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Program.

Free admission

Celebrating Life! Fine Art Competition for Senior Artists

Entries due Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, 9 am-1 pm

Reception and Awards Ceremony: Saturday, May 20, 1-3 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street

Annual fine arts competition for senior artists age 50 and older! Two- and three-dimensional works accepted. Cosponsored by City of Las Vegas Arts Commission and Department of Leisure Services' Senior Citizen Programs Division. Call **229-6844** for details.

Vegas VIP

Through June 30

Bridge Gallery, City Hall, 2nd Floor

400 East Stewart Avenue

Reproductions of vintage postcards and historical photographs of old downtown Las Vegas. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces

Ongoing

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Two- and three-dimensional works by local artists Jorge Catoni, Earl T. Dunbar, Jennifer Gilbert, Vija Hamilton, Anne Hoff, Charles Lintner, Deborah Norton, Angel O'Briant, Kristin Pinkerton and Mary Warner are displayed throughout the facility. Call **229-4631** for information.

Free

PROGRAMS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.